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LETTER DATED 16 MAY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter No. 597 dated 12 May, I have the honour to inform you that I met the Ambassador of Poland, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992), at his request, on the morning of 15 May. I informed him of the following:

1. We reaffirm our profound respect for the Security Council and for the United Nations as a whole;

2. We also reaffirm our commitment to observe the resolutions of the Security Council, from which we have always sought permission for humanitarian or commercial flights;

3. The resolutions of the Security Council essentially concern commercial flights, in keeping with the spirit of the embargo. I wish to recall once again that I have received no official information from my Government as to the means of transport used for this religious visit;

4. The Security Council has adopted no resolutions on religious flights, and it should not do so;

5. The flight was purely religious and we hope that neither the Security Council Committee nor the Council itself will pursue this extremely sensitive issue;

6. The resolutions on sanctions have achieved their purpose and are no longer justified, and we request that they be reviewed without delay;

7. We reaffirm our readiness to solve the Lockerbie problem in accordance with the proposals made.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the previous one distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abuzed Omar DURDA
Ambassador
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